



Saturday in Narberth was a big day for the Volunteer Fire Company when their new truck was housed. Highlight of the day was the presentation of the keys of the truck to Richard Blessing, assistant chief (center) by Richard L. Miller, Narberth Burgess (left) as George Gillespie, veteran fire-fighter, looks on. The truck itself (above, center) was housed in full traditional pomp, with Chief Albert J. Nully and chiefs of visiting fire companies pushing it into the fire house three times (photo at right, above).

Parade and Street-Dancing Mark Housing of Narberth Fire Truck

The new \$23,000 Seagraves Aerial member of the Lower Merion Township Board of Commissioners, was the principal speaker, and the benediction was pronounced by the Rev. Harold C. Flood, pastor of the Narberth Methodist Church.

Richard L. Miller, Narberth Burgess, made the formal presentation of the truck to Albert J. Nully, chief of the company, who accepted it on behalf of the members of the organization.

Following Chief Nully's acceptance, the ceremony of pushing the truck into the Fire House three times, in accordance with ancient custom, was performed by Nully and chiefs of the companies who participated in the celebration.

After that was over, the parade which followed was "on the parade" to all residents of Narberth. Sandwiches and soft drinks were distributed to the hundreds of youngsters who crowded into the street.

Forrest Ave., from Haverford to John H. Jeffries, Jr., president of the board of directors of the Narberth Fire Company.

The Rev. James Toner, pastor of St. Margaret's Church, gave the invocation; Herbert J. Painter, a participant in the parade.

John Rogers Breaks Record At Colonial Swimming Meet

The first pool record of the season was broken Monday at the Colonial Swimming Club's annual meet.

John Rogers broke the record in the 50-yard freestyle when he swam 16.2 seconds, bettering the former mark of Bill Burn of 16.5 seconds.

High scorer of the day was Harry Graham of Narberth who scored 11 points. Other junior event winners were: boys' diving, first, Ed Brophy; second, Al Rogers; third, Harry Graham. Boys' 50-yard free, first, Harry Graham; second, Ed Brophy; third, Al Rogers. Girls' diving, first, Nancy Carpenter; second, Eleanor Unger; third, Anne Allshouse. Girls' 50-yard free, first, Nancy Carpenter; second, Eleanor Unger; third, Anne Allshouse.

The swimming club is now practicing for an inter-school meet between six private clubs to be held first, in August, as well as a dual meet with Martin's Dam. The next meet is scheduled for July 6.

Don't Be A Statistic After the Fourth

It's no fun being a statistic, especially when it's in the annual figures on people killed and injured in celebrating the Fourth of July.

The National Safety Council reports that 8,300 persons were killed last July, a large number of them over the Fourth of July weekend. And the casualty list will be as large this year unless all of us celebrate more thoughtfully and less exuberantly.

Notice how quickly you can say "8,300 persons were killed." And the difference between living or dying, and between being healthy or being maimed for life, can come about as quickly.

We'll venture to say that every one of those 8,300 persons wanted to keep on living and that after each tragedy had taken place, people were saying: "Wasn't that too bad? He'd be alive today if only—"

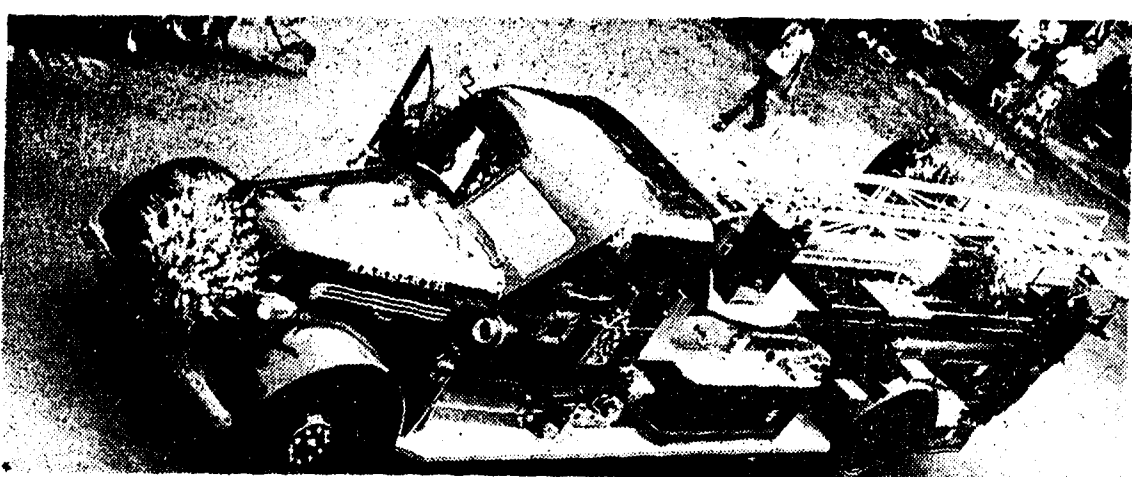
If only he had driven more carefully or had been a bit more fussy about the condition of his car; if he hadn't gone swimming after the life-guard was off duty; if he hadn't been experimenting with that toy cannon; if he hadn't had that last drink; if he had had a doctor treat that "minor" cut; if he hadn't done this or that.

The trouble with statistics is that they always seem so cold and distant. But accidents "can happen here." In the Main Line area over last Fourth of July, two persons were drowned and another died in a traffic accident.

During the London bombings, people became inured to seeing death and destruction all around them. It was possible to rationalize that things always happened in the next block or in the next house, but never to you. Our attitude toward our traffic and needless accident toll seems much the same.

Chances are that the people killed in last July's accidents felt the same way. Oh, no, it wouldn't have been them.

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OUR TOWN

Patriotic Exercises, Baby Show, Sports Events, Fireworks on Lively 'Fourth' Program Monday

Mrs. Nordblom Is Honored By King of Norway

Diploma Awarded for Valuable Assistance in Liberating Norway

A Narberth woman was honored May 27, when she was awarded a diploma from His Majesty, the King of Norway at a reception given by the Norwegian Consul of Philadelphia at the Norwegian Seaman's Church.

Mrs. Hjalmar Nordblom, of 309 Conway Ave., received the diploma for her valuable assistance during the fight for Norway's liberation from April 8, 1940, to May 8, 1945.

Founder of the Scandinavian War Relief in the Philadelphia area, Mrs. Nordblom served as president until 1944. Under her direction this organization met weekly and sent hand-made clothing, knitted garments to Norway throughout the war years.

Mrs. Nordblom, who was born in Sweden, came to this country in 1903, and lived with relatives in Philadelphia. In 1921, she and her husband, a native of Finland, and their three sons moved to their Narberth home, where they have been living ever since.

Since 1903, Mrs. Nordblom has made several trips abroad, the last in 1938, when she visited her family in Sweden, and her husband's in Finland.

Three sons, Harold, Raymond and Robert, served in the United States Army during the 2nd World War.

Today, Mrs. Nordblom is active in church work, both in Philadelphia and Narberth.

Pastor Will Discuss West Coast Trip

On Wednesday night, July 6, the Rev. Robert J. Lamont, pastor of Narberth Presbyterian Church, will complete his lectures on his trip to the General Assembly in Seattle, Washington. He took many colored slides on this trip and these will also be shown during the Prayer Meeting hour.

This Sunday, Mr. Lamont's Fourth of July sermon will be entitled "America, Choose Christ" and the evening sermon will be entitled "The Characteristics of the Christian Life."

Several young people from the church are attending Tri-State Bible Conference at Haverford College this week. Mr. and Mrs. Lamont are on the staff of the Conference which lasts until Saturday, July 3.

Charles B. Young Succumbs at 60

Was Former Asst. Fire Chief For Boro Company

Funeral services for Charles B. Young, who died suddenly at his home, 27 N. Narberth Ave., Narberth, on Monday morning, July 1, at 2 P. M. Friday from the Frankford & Chadwick Funeral Home, Athens and Simpson Rds., Ardmore.

Mr. Young, who was 60, was born in Spintown, Pa., and had lived in Narberth for the past 41 years. He was employed as a machinist at the Autocar Company, Ardmore, since August, 19.

He was a member of the Narberth Baptist Church and of the Narberth Fire Company, for which he served as assistant fire chief for many years before his retirement as an active fireman 10 years ago. He also belonged to the Cassia Lodge, No. 273, F. and A. M.; the Lu Lu Temple Shrine, of Philadelphia, and the Choctaw Tribe, No. 306, I. O. R. M.

He is survived by his wife, Daisy; two sons, Robert, of Lansdowne, Pa., and Charles W., of Akron, Ohio, and two grandchildren.

Pedestrian Killed, Another Injured Saturday Night

Driver of Fatal Car Held Under \$1000 Bail; Other Accident Alleged Hit-Run

A Bryn Mawr man was killed instantly and another injured late Saturday night, when both were struck by automobiles as they were crossing Lancaster Ave., Bryn Mawr, one just west of Old Lancaster Rd., Lower Merion Township, and the other, a few feet east of Old Lancaster in Haverford Township.

Two local men gave chase to an alleged hit-run automobile which, reportedly injured Robert Bradley, of 739 Lancaster Ave., about 11:15 P. M., but lost it a quarter of a mile away.

Forty minutes later, Charles Hunsberry, 64, who lives in an apartment at Ryan and Christie warehouses, 720 Lancaster Ave., was fatally injured when he walked from behind a parked car into the path of an automobile driven by Gordon E. French, 23, of the Wyndon Apartments, Wynnewood Rd. and Lancaster Ave., Wynnewood.

Hunsberry, who for the past four years had been employed as general maintenance supervisor at the Bryn Mawr moving firm, was pronounced dead on arrival at Bryn Mawr Hospital. He is survived by three sons, Charles, Jr., John and William, of Ardmore, a daughter, Mrs. James Knight, of Wayne, and five grandchildren.

Funeral services for him were held Wednesday morning from (Continued on Page Three)

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A New Kind of Liberty Bell

July 4, 1948, and America needs a new kind of Liberty Bell. It is the kind of bell that will sound in the American conscience, reminding us all that the liberty we now enjoy must not be taken for granted—that a world wide movement is afoot to sweep it away.

Ideally, this bell should be forged within each community through the close cooperation of all civic groups in an effective educational program which will alert the people to the problems of the moment and the challenge of the times. Forums, lectures and many other types of worthwhile civic events can help toward this end; and it is essential that citizens generally recognize their serious responsibility to lend moral and financial support to such programs and, wherever necessary, to instigate them.

In 1776 the problem was how to obtain American independence; today the problem is how to preserve it. It is a national problem, but the solution is local, and it must be faced at home... chiefly by civic groups cooperating in a single aim: to let the people know.

The foregoing, taken from a trade letter, may carry a suggestion to our friends of the American Legion, Veterans' organizations, particularly those in centers of small population, could help do many things that should be done in giving a more intelligent direction to American thought. The "keynote" and many other addresses of the recent political convention would seem to prove that in many respects the country has drifted back to the mental doldrums of 25 years ago and that situation has its tragic features, particularly in view of the blood that was spilled to assure a democratic world.

If our local Legion would act as sponsor for three or four enlightening evenings during the winter, their own membership rolls would be bound to increase and they would indeed be benefactors to a community which seeks to be better informed and which needs rescue from the commonplace conversation that thwarts any endeavor to help advance the country's cause at the time of its greatest peril.

Monday will be the big day and night on the Playground, if the weather is fine, and let us hope it will be, for Messrs. Chain, Davis, Howard, et al, have spent a great deal of time and thought in getting ready and a postponement is something not to be preferred. This patriotic affair has been prepared for the neighborhood and the neighborhood should participate in it in overwhelming numbers. Also, the essential financial needs should come from every local household, even if some must necessarily be away on the holiday.

—THE SPECTATOR.

Celebration Opens at 9.45 A.M., Continues Through Day, Eve.

Narberth's daytime observance of the Fourth of July will start with a bang Monday at 9.45 A. M., when the program will be opened by Sterling M. Chain, chairman for the day.

Chain's opening ceremony will be followed by an address by Richard L. Miller, Narberth Burgess, and the singing of "The Star-Spangled Banner," led by Mrs. Harry M. Ellsworth, regent of the Dr. Benjamin Rush Chapter of the D. A. R., and the salute to the flag, led by Guy Mestler, commander of the Harold D. Spunkman Post of the American Legion.

Loud-speaker announcements of the day's activities will be made by Charles Thaw.

The schedule for the activities will be as follows:

10 A. M. Baby show. Prizes will be awarded for the fattest, curliest hair, most serious and most captivating costume.

10:15 A. M. Costume parade. Prizes will be awarded for the various age groups and divisions: 6 to 9 years, most original, old-fashioned, patriotic, funniest; 10 to 15 years, funniest, most modern, prettiest and special; unlimited, most frolicked, twins or triplets with closest resemblance.

10:30 A. M. Tennis match by Norman Bramall and Miss Jane Austin. Bramall will also demonstrate strokes and practice methods. At this time, continuous movies, cartoons and comics for children will start. They will be shown in the Community Building.

11 A. M. Sports and races for all ages as well as single and married men and women. Prizes will be awarded for first, second and third-place winners.

1 P. M. Grand march led by William Howard. Gifts will be distributed to all. A break for lunch has been scheduled for 1:15 to 2 P. M.

2 P. M. Pet show, with prizes for largest and smallest dog, longest and shortest haired dog, best trained dog, best cat and kitten, most unique animal and funniest small animal.

2:30 P. M. Weight-lifting contest for older boys, followed by a baseball game at 3 P. M.

Chain and added this week that a new feature had been added to the program in the form of pony rides for children. He stated that there would be wagon rides as well as saddle rides.

Booths will be open all day on the playground for the sale of aprons, balloons, cakes and pies, candy, deviled eggs, potato chips, doughnuts and coffee, flags, hot dogs, ice cream, poppers, lemonade, potato salad, sandwiches and soft drinks. There will also be a white elephant booth, a fish pond and a garden spot. The Kiddie Kooop will be open from 10 A. M. to 4 P. M.

The committee in charge of the affair includes Mrs. Larry Grey, Samuel Barclay, Mrs. Harry Holler, Mrs. Sterling Chain, Miss Nellie Frantantoni and Willis Ludwig.

The stage is set for the fireworks show, to start when darkness comes Monday night, and to continue for nearly an hour. Those in charge believe the program will exceed in brilliance and variety any previous display.

Kathryn Westman, the well-known contralto, who resides in Narberth, will open the festivities by singing "The Star-Spangled Banner." Mrs. Westman has been chosen to compete for national singing supremacy at Carnegie Hall in New York during July.

The American Legion will distribute a ton or two of frankfurters and will devote the proceeds to welfare activities.

In the event of rain, the fireworks show will be postponed until Saturday evening, July 10, 1948.

The following is a partial list of the donations received this week: Clorinda Nepi, \$5; Mary Hall, \$2; Betty Jones Savage, \$2; Lucius Allen Jones, \$2; Miriam K. Hueber, \$2; Judd L. Minick, \$2; Harry P. Frantz, \$2; John S. McConaghy, \$2; Carter & Turney, Inc., \$5; William M. Henderson, \$2; Margaret B. Cornelius, \$2; Fred Dannenhauer, Jr., \$5; Charles S. Deal, \$2; Betty Jones Savage, \$2; Elsie W. Dean, \$2; Frederick E. Schaff, \$2; Ralph S. Dunne, \$10; Elvira Rano, \$5; Gowland Bros., \$5; A. M. Frisch, \$5; Edwin J. Pollock, \$5; Dr. Harold B. Laine, \$5; Johanna Harsch, \$2; Charles E. (Continued on Page Three)

Narberth Youth Gets Sentence

3 to 23 Months For Assault Charge

Judge William F. Dannenhauer, of the Montgomery County Court, this week sentenced a 19-year-old Narberth youth to serve from three to 23 months in Montgomery County prison after he pleaded guilty to a charge of assault with intent to ravish.

The youth, Edward R. McConnell, of Merion Ave., Narberth, a trainman on the Pennsylvania Railroad, was arrested shortly after he assaulted Miss Mabelle Adams, 22, while her family was out in the New Orleans, a short distance from the Narberth railroad station last Tuesday.

At the hearing before Judge Dannenhauer, St. James Smythe, of the Lower Merion Township Police, stated that screams of Miss Adams frightened McConnell and caused him to run away. Both McConnell and Miss Adams had gotten off a train at the Narberth station, Smythe stated.

Miss Adams is visiting her aunt, Mrs. L. Sarle Brown, of 120 Woodside Ave., Narberth.

Watchdog Guarding Cynwyd Home Allows Burglar to Take \$630

A burglar, who must have a way of getting in, by whatever means, succeeded in entering the home of John Mundy Lynch, of 441 Conshohocken State Rd., Cynwyd, Friday night, and escaped with approximately \$630 taken from a bureau in the master bedroom and escaping with the cash without leaving behind any blood or torn clothing.

He also hooked up the burglar chain on the front door before leaving, so that when the Lynchs arrived home shortly before 1 A. M. Saturday, they couldn't get into the house.

While Mrs. Lynch called police from a neighbor's home, her husband stood guard at the open kitchen window to tackle any emerging intruder. However, when police arrived and climbed through the window into the house, they found only Junior barking happily away at all the excitement.

Lynch, a partner in the Philadelphia undertaking establishment, William B. Lynch and Sons, said the money was taken from envelopes and a box in one bureau drawer of his bedroom, and that the burglar had missed another \$20 in an adjoining drawer, as well as some valuable jewelry belonging to his wife.

Mrs. Frk. Adams Dis After Illness

Merion Woman Was Organist for 30 Years

Solemn Requiem Mass was sung in St. Rita's Church, Philadelphia, for Mrs. Eleanor Adams, of 511 Putnam Rd., Merion, who died last Wednesday in Fitzgerald-Mercy Hospital, Lansdowne, after a long illness. She was 48.

Mrs. Adams, who was organist at St. Rita's Church, Philadelphia, for 30 years, was a member of the board of directors of St. Francis Convalescent Home.

A native of West Philadelphia, she had resided in Merion for the past 18 years. She is survived by her husband, Frank; a daughter, Ellen Frances; a son, Francis Matthew; a sister, Sister M. Cecilia, I. H. M.; and six brothers, Joseph, Clement, Thomas, Francis, William and George.

Burial was in Calvary Cemetery.

G. Ward Keever, Sr., Succumbs at 61

Funeral services for G. Ward Keever, Sr., of 1500 Wynnewood Rd., Ardmore, who died Monday in Presbyterian Hospital, are being held this Thursday afternoon from the Frank L. Dill and Son Funeral Home, Philadelphia. He was 61.

Mr. Keever, who was associated with Charles B. Russell in the wholesale butter and egg business in Philadelphia and on the Main Line for the past 39 years, was a member of Community Lodge No. 744, F. and A. M., and Ideal Assembly No. 62, A. O. M. P.

He is survived by his wife, Margaret, and two sons, Clarence, and G. Ward, Jr. Burial will be Arlington Cemetery.

Library Lists New Summer Hours

New Summer hours for the Gladwyne Free Library were announced this week.

They are: Monday to Friday, 3 to 5 P. M., and in addition, the Library will be open Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 7 to 9 P. M. The Library will be closed all day Saturday.

"Hoo-Rah" Is Prize Winner

The above picture, taken by Howard Weinstein, 17, a member of this year's graduating class at Lower Merion High School, won a special five dollar prize in the third annual 1948 National High School Photographic Awards. Weinstein, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob N. Weinstein, 172 N. Latches Lane, Bala-Cynwyd, took the picture during a football game last fall. The cheer-leaders are, left to right, Laurie Martin, Nancy Murphy, Mary Jane Cox and Jeanne Thomas. Weinstein, who will enter the University of Pennsylvania this fall, was photographer for the Enchiridion, Lower Merion High yearbook, and was on the varsity gym team. He was graduated with honors in Spanish and mathematics.

Cubs Present Circus

A circus came to Narberth on Tuesday evening when Cub Pack 212, of Narberth, set up its midway, side shows and refreshment.

Parents and friends thrilled to the tumbling act of Den 1, the wild animal show by Den 2, and the tight-rope performance of Den 3 and 6 combined to present a side show including hula dancers, fat ladies and thin men. Den 5 presented a comedy act of clowns and midgets.

At a brief formal meeting of the Cubs, which followed the circus, six new den mothers were introduced. They are: Mrs. Shuster, Mrs. Drain, Mrs. Blugerman, Mrs. Jordan, Mrs. Dockety and Mrs. Nevins.

The next Cub activity, to be held in August, is the annual Pack picnic at Perkiomen Park.



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